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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rawson DATE TYPED 2-22-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Rural Education Division Relocation SB 803

ANALYST Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal \$25.0-\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 218

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 803 adds a new section to the Public Education Act. The bill would mandate the relocation of the Rural Education Division of PED to the campus of New Mexico State University (NMSU).

Significant Issue

The bill states that employees in the division would remain with PED and not employees of NMSU.

According to PED, NMSU offers numerous programs with significant outreach components, for example; The Regional Education Technology Assistance (RETA) program and the Center for Border and Indigenous Educational Leadership (CeBIEL).

Although currently hampered by technological infrastructure limitations applicable throughout the state, NMSU expertise and experience with outreach strategies could form the bases for improved two-way communication between districts and the Rural Education Division.

FISCAL IMPLICATION

Senate Bill 803 does not contain an appropriation. Although PED does indicate that there would be costs associated with relocation and travel.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED indicates that moving the Rural Education Division would marginalize rural education input and influence in the decision-making process and reduce opportunities for collaboration and coordination with other divisions within PED.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Conflicts with House Bill 218, Sections 9-24-4 and 9-24-8, NMSA 1978.

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